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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION

Appointing a time of Publick Thanksgiving and Prayer throughout the Kingdom.

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THaving pleased Almighty God (who in signal manner hath blessed His *Majesty*, and this Kingdom under His *Majesties* Government, with great Prosperity, Peace and Plenty) to give His *Majesty* also apparent hopes and good assurance of having Issue by His Royal Consort the Queen, who (through Gods great Goodness) is now with Child: And forasmuch as Increase of Issue of the Royal Family is a Publick Blessing, and (under God) a great Security of Peace and *Happiness* to this Kingdom: His *Majesty* there- [illegible] humble Request, and by the Advice of His Privy Council) to Appoint a time, upon this occasion, to render Publick and Hearty Thanks, throughout the Kingdom, for this great Blessing already begun, and to offer up Prayers to Almighty God for the continuance thereof: And His *Majesty* doth accordingly Appoint, Command and Require, That upon the fifteenth day of *January* next, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and ten miles thereabout, and upon the nine and twentieth day of the same *Moneth*, in all other places throughout this Kingdom, publick Thanks, and solemn Prayers be offered up to Almighty God upon the Occasion aforesaid: And for this purpose His *Majesty* hath signified His Royal Pleasure to the right Reverend Fathers in God, *Nathaniel* Lord Bishop of *Duresme*, *Thomas* Lord Bishop of *Rochester*, and *Thomas* Lord Bishop of *Peterborough* (being His *Majesties* Commissioners Constituted for Exercising the Episcopal Jurisdiction within the Dioceſs of *London*) forthwith to prepare a Form of Prayer and Religious Service, which may be suitable to this occasion; Which Form of Prayer and Service *His Majesty* will cause to be Printed and published, and by the Right Reverend the Bishops, Sent and Distributed throughout their several and respective Dioceſſes, to be observed and used in the Churches and Chappels of this Kingdom, upon the several and respective days before mentioned: And lastly, *His Majesty* Doth Charge and Command all *His* loving Subjects to take notice hereof, and to demean themselves in all things accordingly.

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GOD save the KING.

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